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SUBJECT: AMPHIBIOUS LANDING EXERCISE (PHIBLEX) IN GREECE

REF: (A) ANKARA 2248, (B) ATHENS 2766

1. GREEK EXERCISE IN THE AEGEAN MARCH 29-APRIL 1 DOES NOT,
REPEAT NOT, INVOLVE US FORCES. A SEPARATE US EXERCISE,
PHIBLEX 3A-77 IS BEING CONDUCTED AT ALMOST THE SAME TIME
IN A DIFFERENT AREA. IT DOES NOT INVOLVE GREEK FORCES.
DETAILS ON THIS PHIBLEX FOLLOW.

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2. PHIBLEX 3A-77 IS BEING CONDUCTED AT VITAKA, GREECE, ON
THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE PELOPONNESUS, FROM 27 MARCH TO
2 APRIL. IT IS AN AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING EXERCISE INVOLVING
AN UNOPPOSED NAVAL TRANSIT BY TASK FORCES 61 AND 62
WITH ESCORT UNITS, AND AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT. THE ASSAULT
STAGING INCLUDES A REHEARSAL LANDING, SURFACE RECONNAISSANCE,

AND WATER-BORNE AND HELICOPTER ASSAULTS SUPPORTED BY
SIMULATED REPEAT SIMULATED NAVAL GUNFIRE, ARTILLERY AND
CLOSE AIR SUPPORT. THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO LIVE FIRINGS.

3. ALLIED PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO GREEK OBSERVERS
REPEAT OBSERVERS. THE 4,600 TOTAL U.S. PERSONNEL
INCLUDES 1,700 MARINES.

4. ALL PHIBLEX TRAFFIC CONCERNING GREECE AND TURKEY WILL
BE COPIED TO EMBASSIES ANKARA, ATHENS AND NICOSIA.
PHIBLEX 8-77 IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR ISKENDERUN,
TURKEY, FROM 10-17 AUGUST 1977.

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